



Memorandum

To: Career-Technical Center Directors and Superintendents

From: Dr. Paula Compton, Associate Vice Chancellor, Articulation and Transfer

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Subject: Expiration of CTANs: Bioinformatics (CTBTC002) and Floral Design and Marketing (CTHOR001)

Each year the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) works in collaboration with the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) as they review their pathways and current Career-Technical Assurance Guides (CTAGs) and CTAG courses, also referred to as Career-Technical Articulation Numbers (CTANs). In preparation for the scheduled review of courses in the Agriculture pathway beginning in the Fall 2022, ODHE recently hired faculty consultants to conduct a preliminary review of the existing Agriculture CTANs and to survey the current course offerings throughout the state.

During this preliminary review, the faculty experts noted issues with two existing CTANs, as outlined below.

CTAG	CTAN	ODE Course
Biotechnology for Food, Plant, and Animal Science	CTBTC002 – Bioinformatics	012025 – Bioresearch
Horticulture	CTHOR001 – Floral Design and Marketing	010625 – Floral Design and Marketing

Upon review of recent student enrollment in the aligned secondary-level courses and a survey of equivalent courses currently offered at Ohio public colleges and universities, the faculty experts determined that there are far too few aligned courses presently being offered in Ohio to justify the continuation of a statewide transfer guarantee in these areas. As a result, the faculty experts recommended the expiration of these CTANs.

Upon the recommendation of faculty consultants, the two CTANs listed above will be expired, effective Summer 2023.

Through Summer 2023, students who complete the aligned courses at the secondary level and earn a qualifying score on the end-of-course exam will continue to be eligible for college credit. In accordance with the standard policy dictating CTAG eligibility, students will continue to be eligible for CTAG credit for three years beyond graduation from their secondary institution or Ohio Technical Center.

Beginning in Fall 2023, institutions which still wish to provide guaranteed opportunities for credit in these areas will be free to establish bilateral articulation agreements with partner institutions. It would also be appropriate for colleges or universities to permit students to seek credit for prior learning in these areas in accordance with the policies and procedures concerning prior learning credit at the institution.



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